

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The method and program for indexing shapes contained on a digital page for storage in a database for subsequent searching and retrieval includes an indexing routine for generating the database of indexed shapes by removing extraneous information on the digital page, and orienting the shapes in a predetermined orientation for storage in the shape database, and a querying routine for identifying indexed shapes that are similar or identical to a search shape by extracting the search shape from a digital page using the indexing routine and comparing the extracted shape to the indexed shapes in the database.

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